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TAGS: IN, SA, PFOR

SUBJECT: SAUDI DIPLOMAT ON BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE FIRST SECRETARY (DCM) AT THE SAUDI ARABIAN  
EMBASSY IN DELHI EXPRESSED HIS CONVICTION TO AN EMBOFF  
NOVEMBER 21 THAT INDIAN WANTED TO "SWALLOW UP" BANGLADESH  
AND THAT GOI LEADERS AND THE PRESS WERE CURRENTLY  
LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUCH ACTION BY SUGGESTING  
FOREIGN CONSPIRACIES IN DACCA. SPEAKING WITH FEELING,  
THE SAUDI DIPLOMAT ADMITTED HE HAD NO HARD INFORMATION  
POINTING TO SUCH INDIAN INTENTIONS BUT WAS MAKING IT  
HIS PRIME TASK TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. HE  
SAID HE WAS NOW GETTING HIS INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL  
DIPLOMATS AT THE BANGLADESH HIGH COMMISSION. HE  
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COMPLAINED THAT INDIAN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

OFFICIALS WERE SAYING THEY KNEW NOTHING AND THE INDIAN PAPERS WERE REPORTING ONLY WHAT THEY WERE TOLD. HE SPECULATED THAT ONE REASON INDIAN MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER BANGLADESH WAS "OIL IN THE BAY OF BENGAL".

2. THE SAUDI DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THE INFORMATION PROBLEM WAS A DIFFICULT ONE ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT THOSE BANGALEES NOW TRAVELLING TO SAUDI ARABIA ON THE HAJ PILGRIMAGE WERE PROBABLY PROVIDING AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS. HE SAID NO SAUDI REPRESENTATION WOULD BE POSTED IN DACCA UNTIL THE SITUATION WAS CLARIFIED OR SETTLED. HE KNEW OF NO SPECIAL EMISSARIES TRAVELING BETWEEN THE TWO CAPITALS.

3. IN COURSE OF HIS COMMENTS, WHICH WERE THOROUGHLY NEGATIVE ON THE GOI AND INDIA, THE SAUDI DIPLOMAT SAID HE BELIEVED THAT BOTH PRESIDENT AHMED AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPECIAL EMISSARY YUNUS HAD CONVEYED TO KING KHALID THEIR HOPE THAT THE KING "OR SOMEONE" COULD PAY A VISIT TO INDIA AT AN EARLY DATE. THE DIPLOMAT SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED A REPORT OF YUNUS' VISIT TO RIYADH IN LATE OCTOBER BUT THE "INDIANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET A VISIT FOR A LONG TIME". AND "THE INDIANS WILL EVEN DIE TO GET SOMETHING THEY WANT ALTHOUGH THEY WILL DO NOTHING FOR OTHERS".

4. COMMENT. THE SAUDI FIRST SECRETARY SERVED IN WASHINGTON 1962-1966 AND CONFESSES HE HAS "DISLIKED EVERY ASSIGNMENT", INCLUDING MOROCCO AND INDIA, SINCE. WE REPORT HIS COMMENTS IN PARA ONE AND TWO ONLY BECAUSE THEY SUGGEST HOW THE SAUDI EMBASSY IS REPORTING THE BANGLADESH DRAMA FROM HERE. END COMMENT.  
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